ments provide funds from their Plan resources.

4342. [*Transferred to the* 5th *September*, 1988].

IAS Officers in Bengal Immunity and Smith Stanstreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

4343. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether two IAS officers who are not in any way trained to head Industrial Units are being appointed as Managing Directors of Bengal Immunity and Smith Stanstreet Pharmaceuticals Limited and if so, reasons thereof ;

(b) whether there is any shortage of qualified technical professionals in the country; and

(c) whether these appointments were sponsored by Public Enterprises Selection Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) Proposal for appointment of an IAS officer to the post of Managing Director of the Bengal Immunity Company Limited is under consideration of the Govt. This proposal is based on the recommendations of the Public Enterprises Selection Board, whose recommendations are taken into account while making appointment to the posts of Chief Executives/ Functional Directors in Public Sector enterprises. The Govt. is aware of the availability of the qualified technical professionals in the country. The post of Managing Director, Bengal Immunity Company Limited is, however, to be filled by drawing a serving Govt. officer in the special circumstances prevailing in the Company. No proposal to appoint an IAS officer to the post of Managing Director of Smith Stanstreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. is under consideration of the Govt. at present.

Farmers Access to Ground Water

4344. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the new technology has resulted in rich farmers sole access to ground water as reported in Business Standard of 12th July, 1988; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise. In fact, the small and marginal farmers receive sizeable support from Government under Centrally Sponsored and other Schemes for developing assured sources of water supply for irrigation through wells and pumpsets.

Job Reservation in Defence Services

4345. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE, be pleased to state :

(a) whether the policy of reservation of jobs for different sections of society is being followed in all the three wings—Air Force, Navy and Infantry of defence services.

(b) if so, whether there are any shortfalls at various levels; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to fill up these shortfalls ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) Recruitment in Defence Forces is open to all sections of society, irrespective of caste, creed or religion, provided they satisfy the laid down physical, medical and educational standards. There is no policy of reservation for recruitments to the armed forces.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Complaint Lodged by Humanist International Stockholm Committee regarding Bofors Gun deal with India

4346. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Humanist International Stockholm Committee has lodged complaint with the Prosecutor-General of Sweden for the prosecution of Bofors and its two former Directors on charges of fraud, criminal breach of trust and falsification of documents in connection with the Bofors' 1700 core Howetzer gun deal with India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government of India is also going to lodge similar complaints with the Prosecutor-General of Sweden ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.C PANT) : (a) and (b) The Government has no information about any such complaint.

(c) No, Sir.

Schemes to be Incorporated in Eighth Five Year Plan

4347. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has prepared any schemes which will be incorporated in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the projects on which main thrusts will be provided in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether final decision has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) to (c) Priority will be given to the expeditions completion of the on going schemes as at the commencement of the 8th Plan. In so far as new schemes/ projects are concerned a decision will be taken in the light of intersectoral priorities set out in the Approach Paper of the Plan to be approved by the National Development Council.

Manufacturing facilities of Aircraft in the Country

4348. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission is setting up an interministerial committee to examine the feasibility for promoting aircraft manufacturing facilities in the country for export purposes and with end in view, Government proposes to liberalise its licensing policy to facilitate the private sector to enter the sophisticated field of engineering; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) and (b) Planning Commission has set up a Group